



Karen Mouritsen

BLM Eastern States Director

Karen Mouritsen was an attorney practicing law for DOI, but she was motivated to make a career change to the BLM after serving on detail as an Associate District Manager when she learned how challenging and rewarding it is to work together as a team with many talented BLM employees.

Before coming to the BLM Eastern States, Karen was the BLM Deputy Assistant Director for Energy, Minerals and Realty Management. In that position, she was responsible for helping to develop agency policies and regulations for the Bureau's energy and minerals programs while overseeing the budget and being responsive to audits. During the course of her career, Karen was assigned as the Acting New Mexico State Director and Acting Associate District Manager for the BLM Las Vegas and Medford, Oregon District Offices. She was also the BLM liaison to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, advising and briefing senior leadership on renewable energy, wildlife, wilderness, recreation, land-use planning, and cooperation with military agencies. She was the BLM Budget Officer, preparing BLM and DOI officials for congressional hearings, as well as testifying herself as a BLM witness.

Karen is a native of Dallas, Texas and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin College of Engineering. She earned her Juris Doctor degree at the University of Texas at Austin Law School.

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